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# Evolution-free Hamiltonian parameter estimation through Zeeman markers - Supplementary Material

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The essential equation of this article is Eq. (2) which we derive here. Its derivation is elementary but cumbersome and follows standard arguments for Green's functions of rank one perturbations [1, Chapter 6] up to Eq. (7). The remainder of the derivation is analogous to one of Gladwell's inverse problems in vibration [2, Section 4.5]. For completeness we provide a full derivation.

Consider an eigenvalue  $e'$  and eigenvector of  $|e'\rangle$  of  $H'$ . We have the eigenequation

$$H|e'\rangle + f|1\rangle\langle 1|e'\rangle = e'|e'\rangle. \quad (1)$$

Express  $|e'\rangle$  in the eigenbasis  $\{|e_n\rangle\}$  of  $H$  with eigenvalues  $e_n$  as

$$|e'\rangle = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n |e_n\rangle, \quad (2)$$

which yields

$$f|1\rangle\langle 1|e'\rangle = \sum_{n=1}^N (e' - e_n) \alpha_n |e_n\rangle. \quad (3)$$

Upon multiplication with  $\langle e_m|$  we obtain

$$\alpha_m = \frac{f\langle e_m|1\rangle\langle 1|e'\rangle}{(e' - e_m)} \quad (4)$$

where we assumed that the spectrum of  $H$  and  $H'$  have no overlap (this is true for almost all values of  $f$ ). From Eq. (2) upon multiplication with  $\langle 1|$  we arrive at

$$\langle 1|e'\rangle = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{f\langle e_n|1\rangle\langle 1|e'\rangle}{(e' - e_n)} \langle 1|e_n\rangle. \quad (5)$$

Since  $\langle 1|e'\rangle \neq 0$  [3], this is equivalent to

$$0 = 1 - \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{f|\langle e_n|1\rangle|^2}{(e' - e_n)} \quad (6)$$

or through expansion with  $\prod_{m=1}^N (e' - e_m)$

$$0 = \frac{\prod_m (e' - e_m) - \sum_n f|\langle e_n|1\rangle|^2 \prod_{m \neq n} (e' - e_m)}{\prod_m (e' - e_m)}. \quad (7)$$

This holds for any eigenvalue  $e'$  of  $H'$ . The polynomial in  $x$  given by the numerator

$$P(x) = \prod_{m=1}^N (x - e_m) - \sum_{n=1}^N f|\langle e_n|1\rangle|^2 \prod_{m \neq n} (x - e_m) \quad (8)$$

and leading term  $x^N$  must therefore factorise as

$$P(x) = \prod_n (x - e'_n), \quad (9)$$

where  $e'_n$  are the eigenvalues of  $H'$ . We can thus write

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{f|\langle e_n|1\rangle|^2}{(x - e_n)} &= \frac{\prod_m (x - e_m) - \sum_n f|\langle e_n|1\rangle|^2 \prod_{m \neq n} (x - e_m)}{\prod_m (x - e_m)} \\ &= \frac{\prod_n (x - e'_n)}{\prod_m (x - e_m)}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Multiply with  $(x - e_k)$  to obtain

$$(x - e_k) - \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{f|\langle e_n|1\rangle|^2 (x - e_k)}{(x - e_n)} = \frac{(x - e_k) \prod_n (x - e'_n)}{\prod_m (x - e_m)} \quad (11)$$

and perform the limit  $x \rightarrow e_k$  such that

$$-f|\langle e_k|1\rangle|^2 = \frac{\prod_n (e_k - e'_n)}{\prod_{m \neq k} (e_k - e_m)} = (e_k - e'_k) \prod_{m \neq k} \frac{(e_k - e'_m)}{(e_k - e_m)}. \quad (12)$$

Finally we arrive at

$$|\langle e_k|1\rangle|^2 = (e'_k - e_k)/f \prod_{m \neq k} \frac{(e_k - e'_m)}{(e_k - e_m)} \quad (13)$$

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